

TOWN OF MONSON

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING CERTIFICATION

November 6, 2017

Article 5:

The Town voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$18,014.00 to complete extensive renovations on the Ronald Constantino baseball field including leveling the field, restoring the pitcher's mound and resurfacing the infield. The money shall be transferred from the Fund Balance Reserved for Budgeted Reserve Account under the Community Preservation Program pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B or any other enabling authority. Said funds to be expended under the administration of the Community Preservation Committee.

Article 6:

The Town voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$25,274.00 to install benches, rehabilitate the playing surface and replace the standards of the basketball court on Veterans Field. The money shall be transferred from the Fund Balance Reserved for Budgeted Reserve Account under the Community Preservation Program pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B or any other enabling authority. Said funds to be expended under the administration of the Community Preservation Committee.

Article 7:

The Town voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$9,651.00 to the Monson Housing Historical Society for the purpose of replacing the heating and air conditioning systems at the Jacob Thompson House. \$9,651.00 will be transferred from the Fund Balance Reserved for Historic Preservation Fund under the Community Preservation Program for the preservation of historic and scenic resources pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B or any other enabling authority. Said funds to be expended under the administration of the Community Preservation Committee.

Article 8:

The Town voted and the article passed:

YES: 100

NO: 18

To raise, borrow and/or appropriate \$307,740.00 for the acquisition by negotiated purchase the land consisting of approximately 180 +/- acres, including all costs incidental and related thereto, said 180 +/- acres is more fully comprised of the following: (1) approximately 90 acres of land owned by the Revocable Indenture of Trust of Florence A. Berube and described on Assessors Map 58, Parcel 3 and in a deed recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book

8920, Page 397 and (2) approximately 90 acres of land owned by Boulder Hill Development, LLC which is a portion of the property described on Assessors Map 18, Parcel 2 and in a deed recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 13250, Page 10 (collectively the "Property"); and that said land be conveyed to the Town under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8C, as amended and other Massachusetts statutes relating to conservation, to be held under the care, custody and control of the Conservation Commission on behalf of the Town.

And that to fund said purchase, to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$307,740.00 as follows: (a) appropriate and transfer \$100,000.00 from the Fund Balance Reserved for Open Space Fund of the Community Preservation Account (b) authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow up to \$207,740 in anticipation of revenue and grant receipts pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds and notes therefor, and the borrowing authorized hereunder shall be reduced by the amount of any grant as referenced in this article, any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by like amount and further that said funds be expended at the direction of the Community Preservation Committee;

And to authorize the Conservation Commission and the Board of Selectmen to submit on behalf of the Town any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and/or reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity (LAND) program (M.G.L. c. 132A, §11) and/or any other state or federal programs including those in aid of conservation land acquisitions; and/or any other in any way connected with the scope of this Article; and to enter into any necessary contracts therefor, subject to Town Counsel approval;

And to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant a perpetual conservation restriction on said parcel(s) of land meeting the requirements of M.G.L. c. 44B, §12 and M.G.L. c. 184, §§31-33, as may be deemed appropriate and any other statutory provisions relating to the same, and to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town to effectuate said purchase, all subject to Town Counsel approval;

The expenditure of the funds appropriated and/or borrowed under this vote is subject to: (a) award of a grant in the amount of up to \$207,740.00 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under M.G.L. c. 132A, §11 (the so-called LAND grant), and (2) approval of the Town of the transfer of the approximate 90 acres of land being purchased from the Revocable Indenture of Trust of Florence A. Berube to the Trustees of Reservation with the Town retaining a conservation restriction on said land in accordance with all applicable statutory provisions.

Article 9:

The Town voted unanimously to appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) for the preservation and restoration town records. To complete this round of preservation \$20,000.00 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) shall be transferred from the Fund Balance Reserved for Historic Preservation Fund under the Community Preservation Program for the preservation of historic and scenic resources pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B or any other enabling authority. Said funds to be expended under the administration of the Community Preservation Committee.

Article 10:

The Town voted and the article passed:

YES: 111

NO: 12

To transfer ownership of land it will acquire from the Revocable Indenture of Trust of Florence A. Berube as set forth in Article 8 herein to the Trustees of Reservations to extend the Peaked Mountain Reservation. Said land will continue to be used for passive and conservation purposes. And further to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission to execute any and all instruments including the acceptance of a perpetual conservation restriction in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 184 as required by Section 12(a) of Chapter 44B, as amended, as may be necessary on behalf of the Town of Monson to affect said conveyance, subject to Town Counsel approval.

Article 11:

The Town voted and the article failed:

YES: 84

NO: 51

To raise, borrow and/or appropriate \$290,000.00, or any other amount, to pay costs of designing and constructing a Spray Park in Veteran's Field, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and to determine whether this amount shall be raised by taxation, transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise provided; said funds to be expended under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee. The article failed due to the fact that it did not meet the 2/3 requirement.

Article 12:

A motion was made and seconded to move the question.

The Town voted against raising and appropriating or appropriate and transferring the sum of \$35,000.00 from the Fund Balance Reserved for Budgeted Reserve Account to build a Spray Park in Veteran's Field. Said funds will be used to build the park under the Community Preservation Program pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44B or any other enabling authority. Said funds to be expended under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee. The article failed.

Article 15:

The Town voted against rejecting the article as recommended by the Finance Committee. Town Administrator Evan Brassard spoke with additional information regarding the law.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the article as written.

The Town voted unanimously to reaccept M.G.L. c. 40, §57 which provides for the Town to establish a by-law authorizing denial, suspension, revocation or non-renewal of licenses or permits for applicants not in "good standing" on local taxes or charges and eliminates the requirement that the applicant must be delinquent for at least 12 months.

Article 26:

The Town voted to accept M.G.L. c. 41, Section 19K, allowing for additional compensation for the Town Clerk in the amount of \$1,000.00, annually, upon completing the necessary courses of study and training and being awarded the requisite certification and providing such proof to the Board of Selectmen, and such additional compensation shall be subject to appropriation by the Town.

Article 27:

The Town voted unanimously to accept M.G.L. c. 59, Section 21A, allowing for additional compensation for the Town Assessor and Assistant Assessor in the amount of \$1,000.00, annually, upon completing the necessary courses of study and training and being awarded the requisite certification and providing such proof to the Board of Selectmen, and such additional compensation shall be subject to appropriation by the Town.

Article 28:

The Town voted unanimously to accept M.G.L. c. 41, Section 108P, allowing for additional compensation for the Town Collector or Treasurer in the amount of \$1,000.00, upon completing the necessary courses of study and training and being awarded the requisite certification and providing such proof to the Board of Selectmen, and such additional compensation shall be subject to appropriation by the Town.

Article 29:

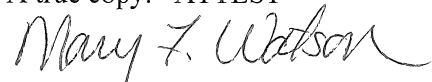
The Town voted to pass over the amendment of Town of Monson General Bylaws, Article 2, Section 1, as follows and further that the Town authorize nonsubstantive changes to the lettering and numbering of the Town of Monson Zoning Bylaw to be consistent with the Town of Monson Zoning Bylaw:

ARTICLE 2 – FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Section 1. There shall be a Finance Committee consisting of ~~13~~ 9 legal voters of the Town who shall be appointed by the Moderator as hereinafter provided.

I, hereby certify that the Special Town Meeting was duly called and held and the warrant was properly posted. The meeting convened at 7:00 pm and upon completion of the articles, the meeting was dissolved at 8:51 pm.

A true copy: ATTEST

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary F. Watson".

Mary F. Watson
Monson Town Clerk

TOWN OF MONSON - CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS									
	Date of Town Meeting:	November 6, 2017	Special Town Meeting						
	Voters in Attendance	Prec. A: 39	Prec. B: 69	Prec. C: 41	Total: 149				
Article		Total Appropriation	From Tax Levy	From Free Cash	Transfer From Other Available Funds	Offset Enterprise Funds & CPA	Free Cash to Reduce Tax Rate	Borrowing	
	The Town voted :								
1	Hospital Road Pump Station-rescind								(\$200,000.00)
2	Town Office/Police Station-rescind								(\$505,097.00)
3	Sewer Dept. Debt Expense	\$46,500.00				\$ 46,500.00	(Sewer Enterprise Revenue)		
4	Hospital Road Pump Station Rehab. Project Prior Year Bill Acct.	\$10,218.07			\$10,218.07	(Sewer Enterprise Reserve Fund)			
5	CPA Ronald Constantino Field	\$18,014.00				\$ 18,014.00	(Fund Balance Reserved for Budgeted Reserve Account)		
6	CPA Veterans Field Basketball Court	\$25,274.00				\$ 25,274.00	(Fund Balance Reserved for Budgeted Reserve Account)		
7	CPA Monson Historical Society	\$9,651.00				\$ 9,651.00	(Fund Balance Reserved for Historic Preservation Fund)		
8	Berube Land Grant	\$100,000.00				\$ 100,000.00	(Open Space Fund)		
9	CPA Town Record Books	\$20,000.00				\$ 20,000.00	(Fund Balance Reserved for Historic Preservation Fund)		
11	CPA Spray Park	Article failed							
12	Spray Park	Article failed							
13	Off Street Parking Veteran's Field	\$35,000.00		35,000.00					
14	Assessor's Overlay Reserves GIS mapping	\$3,000.00			3,000.00	(Overlay Reserves)			
16	MHS Smoke Stack replacement	\$24,000.00		24,000.00					
17	Quarry Hill Pool Dection Unit	\$46,000.00		46,000.00					
18	Quarry Hill Pool Vacuum	\$3,000.00		3,000.00					

Article	Total Appropriation	From Tax Levy	From Free Cash	Transfer From Other Available Funds	Offset Enterprise Funds & CPA	Free Cash to Reduce Tax Rate	Borrowing
19 Granite Valley new playground	\$20,000.00		20,000.00				
20 Quarry Hill door repairs	passed over						
21 Bills from previous years	\$25.00	\$25.00					
22 Palmer Road Station repairs	\$5,080.98				\$5,080.98	(Water Enterprise Free Cash)	
23 Water Enterprise Pipe Crossing Rehab Capital Act.	\$ 50,000.00				\$50,000.00	(Water Enterprise Free Cash)	
24 Palmer Road Station Tree Removal	\$7,500.00				\$7,500.00	(Water Enterprise Free Cash)	
25 Sewer Enterprise Free Cash	\$7,261.81				\$7,261.81	(SewerEnterprise Free Cash)	
30 Cemetery Commission Tree Removal	\$25,000.00		25,000.00				
Town voted unanimously to reject the article. Town then voted to transfer and appropriate.							
Total	\$455,524.86	\$25.00	\$153,000.00	\$13,218.07	\$289,281.79	\$0.00	(\$705,097.00)
I hereby certify that the Special Town Meeting held at the Granite Valley Middle School on November 6, 2017 was held in compliance with the bylaws and that the warrant was properly posted. The meeting convened at 7:00 pm and upon completion of the articles, the meeting dissolved at 8:51 pm							
A true copy: Attest							
Mary F. Watson							
Town Clerk, Monson							

